

## Granby Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 2 p.m.  
Via Go-To-Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

**Members:** Jay Joyce, Chairman  
Robert Camus, Vice Chairman  
Lillian Camus, Secretary  
Joan Gagne, Member

**Absent:** Mark Vincelette, Member  
Lenny Haflich, Alternate Member

**Others:**

**Call to Order:** Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

*Approval March 18, 2021 Minutes*

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the March 18, 2021. Hearing none,

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

#### **Open Action Items:**

*Create a Short- and Long-Term Plan to Address ECM Findings*

The Committee reviewed the list of ECMs.

- FY20 GC Final report Status
  - Webinar held February 11, 2021 we decided not to submit our FY20 Green Community Report because we were not going to be able to apply within the timeframe on April 5, 2021.
- FY21 GC Application ECMs
  - The Committee reviewed the list of ECMs but will not submit until the FY20 Report is finalized.
  - We are adjusting some of the ECMs and all requirements are not finalized for the August submission period.

#### *Dufresne Park Lights*

Addressed in FY21 ECMs. Until we can find out what the insurance company will do we don't know how much of the \$12,000 to do the project is applicable. We will defer to the FY21 ECMs.

### *MEI Report Requirements*

- The Committee will review the current Block One requirements of the GC application to see if they are changing anything we are currently doing. The Committee will review any changes at the next meeting.
- Updated Granby's Green Community (GC) Energy Reduction Plan
  - Criterion 3 – Granby Final Energy Reduction Plan and Baseline last revised June 24, 2011
    - Town Energy Reduction Plan
      - Vehicle Policies
      - Safety Complex
      - Jr./Sr. High School
      - East Meadow
      - Library
    - Lillian Camus has sent an e-mail to Mark Rabinsky. We know we will add the 2015 data for the New Library. They will get back to us about what to adjust in the plan, if at all.
      - No response yet from Mark Rabinsky.

### **New Business**

#### *New Vehicle Requests*

The Committee reviewed an updated School new vehicle request. The Committee only reviews to see if it meets the Green Community Requirements and doesn't give us a penalty.

- School – 2021 Ford F350 Super Duty Pick Up Truck, 4-Wheel Drive. The Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of this vehicle is 14,000 GVW. As the GVW it is more than 8500 lbs., it does not have to meet the MPG defined by the Green Community

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to approve the School Department's request for a 2021 Ford F350 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck, 4-Wheel Drive for the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

#### *SolaBlock/DOE Grant*

Jay Joyce participated in a teleconference with SolaBlock. SolaBlock has submitted their latest phase to the Federal Department of Energy. SolaBlock/Town of Granby is still in the running for a grant.

SolaBlock has made it into the next phase. If you don't get knocked out of a phase you get to go to the next phase. The next phase (5<sup>th</sup> Phase) is the end of April and will include architectural drawings along with costs.

### *Review MA DOER Green Community FY21 Grant Application*

- Applications will be accepted in two blocks – Spring and Fall 2021
- Grant evaluations will not be made on a rolling basis
- Funding limits on interior lighting projects
- To be eligible for the Spring block of applications
  - All prior Green Community Funds must be spent before applying for a new grant
  - Final grant reports to be submitted before applying for a new grant
  - The FY2020 Annual Report must be submitted before applying for a new grant
    - We submitted ours on November 5, 2020

### *Alternative Measures to Complete LED Lighting*

Jay Joyce explained some alternative measures the Town could use to complete the LED lighting upgrades. One such measure would be On Bill Repayment (OBR) involving National Grid who would give the Town incentives and result in savings for the Town. Jay is waiting for further information from National Grid.

We have been approved for the OBR to do the first floor of the School. The paperwork is going to National Grid and Energy Source. Once we get the paperwork back it will go to the Select Board for their signature.

This will do the first floor of the Jr./Sr. Highschool except the locker rooms or bathrooms because we cannot do more than \$100,000 at a time. We will be doing this in conjunction with our Green Community Grants. The state is phasing out lights as an eligible ERM.

### **Open/New Action Items**

None

### **Old Business**

#### *New Committee Members' Search*

The Committee still looking for additional members. Jay Joyce announced last October he would be getting off this Committee at the end of this term. The

This Committee needs new members. It would be better if any new members would be attending the meetings so they can learn.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded Joan Gagne adjourn at 2:08 p.m. Motion carried 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the April 15, 2021 Granby Energy Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lillian Camus, Secretary

Documents review at the meeting:

- March 18, 2021 meeting minutes
- New Vehicle Request from the School